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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**
- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on May 5, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ A Notice Of Change Of Attorney's Address and Associate Power Of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,
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